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SUBJECT: Media Reaction - Clinton Africa visit

On August 15, the independent Stockholm morning daily "Dagens Nyheter" in its main editorial opined on the trip to Africa by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton under the headline 'Clinton makes a difference':

"Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's marathon trip to the continent of Africa has come to an end. The strategy has varied from country to country and between meetings. Sometimes we have seen a Secretary of State with outstretched arms la Obama, sometimes a more traditionally scolding American finger in the air. There is a point with that. Conciliatory condemnations are not always preferred over resolute condemnations. The systematic mass rapes in Congo are nothing that submissively should be understood by the west - they should just be condemned. And that Hilary Clinton does just fine. But the other, more Obamaesque, attitude she has also demonstrated. Not least in South Africa in her meeting with Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, Minister of International Relations....

"There is no reason to doubt the sincerity of the American commitment. And there is reason to believe to a higher degree than before that South Africa this time is willing to increase pressure on the dictator in the north. It would not be one day too soon....

"Hillary Clinton probably realizes that the United States will not be able to do anything south of the Sahara without having South Africa on board. Now it has to be an end to pampering a continent that on the one side says they are fighting for their independence and on the other hand prefers to keep harping on colonial injustices than stands up and takes on the responsibility that comes with independence. Those that want responsibility must also be prepared to take it on. That was one of President Obama's messages when he visited Ghana earlier this summer, and that was one of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's messages now. That bodes well."

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